

OPINION 1904

Aporcelaimus Thorne & Swanger, 1936 (Nematoda): *Dorylaimus superbus* de Man, 1880 designated as the type species

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Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary powers all previous fixations of type species for the nominal genus *Aporcelaimus* Thorne & Swanger, 1936 are hereby set aside and *Dorylaimus superbus* de Man, 1880 is designated as the type species.
- (2) The name *Aporcelaimus* Thorne & Swanger, 1936 (gender: masculine), type species by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above *Dorylaimus superbus* de Man, 1880, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *superbus* de Man, 1880, as published in the binomen *Dorylaimus superbus* and as defined by the female lectotype from Katwijk, The Netherlands (catalogue no. V.As 253 in the Zoological Museum, Instituut voor Taxonomische Zoologie, Amsterdam) designated by Loof (1961) (specific name of the type species of *Aporcelaimus* Thorne & Swanger, 1936), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2943

An application for the designation of *Dorylaimus superbus* de Man, 1880 as the type species of *Aporcelaimus* Thorne & Swanger, 1936 was received from Prof P.A.A. Loof (*Agricultural University, Wageningen, The Netherlands*) and Dr J. Heyns (*Johannesburg, South Africa*) on 23 June 1994. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 54: 80–82 (June 1997). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1998 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 54: 81. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1998 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 23: Bock, Brothers, Cocks, Cogger, Dupuis, Eschmeyer, Heppell, Kabata, Kerzhner, Kraus, Lehtinen, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Mawatari, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Papp, Patterson, Savage, Schuster, Song, Štys

Negative votes — none.

Bouchet abstained.

No vote was received from Macpherson.

Ride was on leave of absence.

Abstaining, Bouchet commented: 'In my view the application is lacking in information for a vote. Was *Dorylaimus superbus* among the originally included species in *Aporcelaimus*; is the name *D. superbus* commonly or rarely used; and what would be the consequences of designating the lectotype of *D. superbus* as the neotype of *D. regius*? This last action would give the same result as intended by the authors without Commission intervention'.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Aporcelaimus Thorne & Swanger, 1936, *Capita Zoologica*, **6**(4): 123.

superbus, *Dorylaimus*, de Man, 1880, *Tijdschrift der Nederlandsche Dierkundige Vereeniging*, **5**: 79.

The following is the reference for the designation of the lectotype of *Dorylaimus superbus* de Man, 1880:

Loof, P.A.A. 1961. *Beaufortia*, **8**: 237.